

Amendments to the Claims:

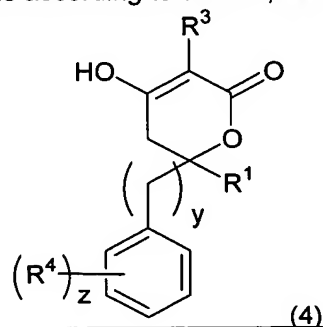
Please cancel current claims 1-4 without prejudice. Applicants hereby expressly reserve the right to prosecute claims to the canceled subject matter in future applications.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-4 (canceled)

5. (currently amended) ~~Compounds according to claim 4, wherein:~~ Compounds of formula (4),



wherein:

R¹ is cyclopentyl;

R³ is -(CR⁸R⁹)_t (4-10 membered heterocyclic), wherein t is an integer from 0 to 5, and the heterocyclic moiety is optionally substituted by 1 to 5 R⁴ groups;

each R⁴ is independently chosen from halo, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, and R⁶-O-, and each C₁-C₁₀ alkyl may be optionally substituted by at least one substituent chosen from halo, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, and cyano; or

when two adjacent R⁴ groups are both C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, they, together with the atoms to which they are attached, form a 3- to 7-membered ring, wherein in said ring any carbon atom may be replaced by a heteroatom chosen from N, O, and S, provided that two adjacent carbons are not both replaced by heteroatoms;

R⁶ is hydrogen or C₁-C₁₀ alkyl;

R⁸ and R⁹ are hydrogen;

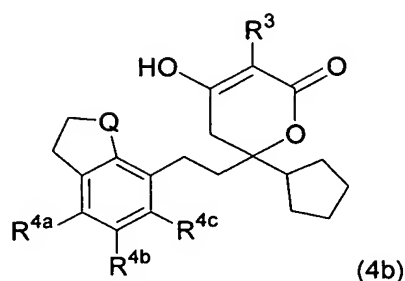
z is an integer from 1 to 5; and

y is an integer from 0 to 5.

R³ is -(CR⁸R⁹)_t (4-10 membered heterocyclic), wherein t is an integer from 0 to 5, and the heterocyclic moiety is optionally substituted by 1 to 5 R⁴ groups; and

R⁸ and R⁹ are hydrogen.

6. (original) Compounds according to claim 5, wherein:
R³ is -(CH₂)_t[(1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidinyl), optionally substituted by 1 to 3 R⁴ groups;
t is an integer from 1-3; and
y is an integer from 1 to 3.
7. (original) Compounds according to claim 6, wherein:
R³ is -(CH₂)_t[(1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidinyl), substituted by 1 to 3 R⁴ groups;
each R⁴ is independently chosen from halo and C₁-C₁₀ alkyl optionally substituted with cyano; or
two adjacent R⁴ groups are both C₁-C₁₀ alkyl and, together with the atoms to which they are attached, form a 3- to 7-membered ring, wherein a carbon atom is replaced by a heteroatom chosen from N, O, and S;
z is an integer from 2 to 3; and
y is 2.
8. (original) Compounds according to claim 7, wherein:
R³ is -(CH₂)_t[(1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidinyl), substituted by 2 R⁴ groups; and
each R⁴ is independently chosen from halo, -CH₃, and -C(CH₃)₂CN.
9. (original) Compounds according to claim 7, wherein two adjacent R⁴ groups are both C₁-C₁₀ alkyl and, together with the atoms to which they are attached, form a 3- to 7-membered ring, wherein a carbon atom is replaced by a heteroatom chosen from N, O, and S.
10. (original) Compounds according to claim 9, wherein:
R³ is -(CH₂)_t[(1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidinyl), substituted by at least one substituent chosen from halo and methyl; and
two adjacent R⁴ groups, together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-membered ring, wherein in said ring one carbon atom is replaced by O.
11. (original) Compounds of formula (4b),



wherein:

R^3 is $-(CH_2)([1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidinyl)$, substituted by at least one substituent chosen from halo and methyl;

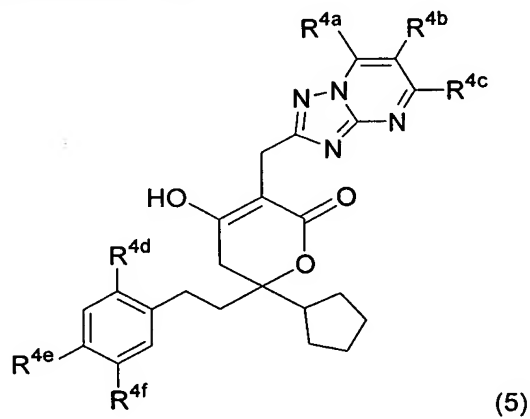
Q is chosen from N, O, and S;

R^{4a} , R^{4b} , and R^{4c} are independently chosen from hydrogen, halo, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, and R^6 -O-;

and

R^6 is chosen from hydrogen and C_1 - C_{10} alkyl.

12. (original) Compounds of formula (5),



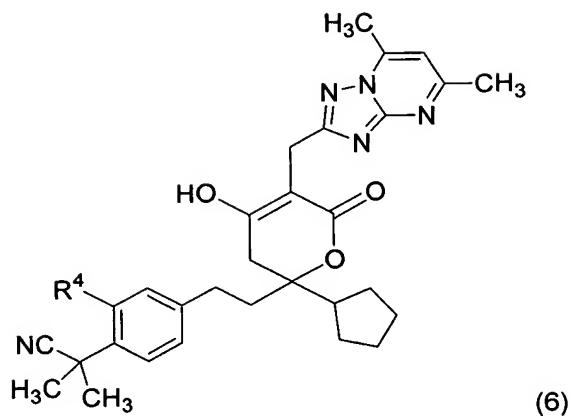
wherein:

R^{4a} , R^{4b} , and R^{4c} are independently chosen from halo and C_1 - C_{10} alkyl;

R^{4d} , R^{4e} , and R^{4f} are independently chosen from halo, R^6 -O-, and C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, wherein said C_1 - C_{10} alkyl is optionally substituted with at least one substituent chosen from halo and cyano; and

R^6 is C_1 - C_{10} alkyl or hydrogen.

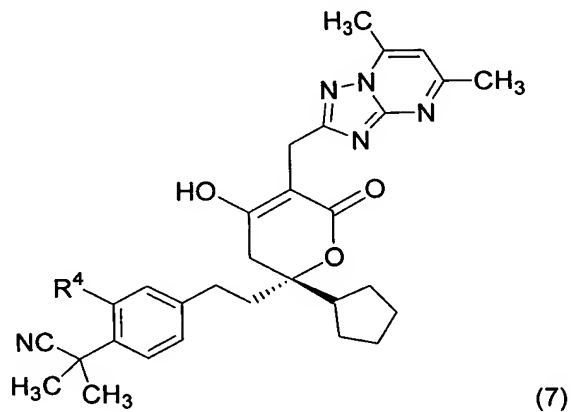
13. (original) Compounds of formula (6),



wherein R⁴ is halo.

14. (original) Compounds according to claim 13, wherein R⁴ is chosen from fluorine and chlorine.

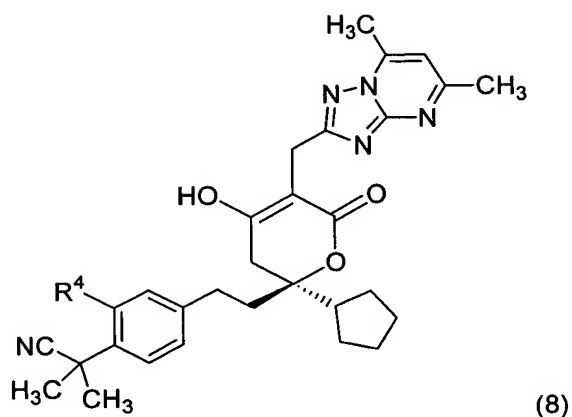
15. (original) Compounds of formula (7),



wherein R⁴ is halo.

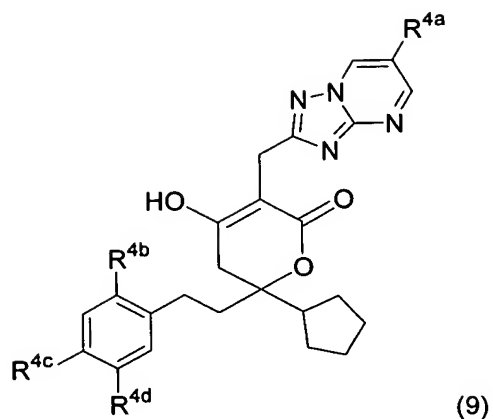
16. (original) Compounds according to claim 15, wherein R⁴ is chosen from fluorine and chlorine.

17. (original) Compounds of formula (8),



wherein R⁴ is halo.

18. (original) Compounds according to claim 17, wherein R⁴ is chosen from fluorine and chlorine.
19. (original) Compounds according to claim 6, wherein:
 - R³ is -(CH₂)([1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidinyl), optionally substituted by 1 to 3 R⁴ groups;
 - each R⁴ is independently chosen from halo, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, and R⁶-O-, and each C₁-C₁₀ alkyl may be optionally substituted by at least one substituent chosen from halo, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, and cyano;
 - z is an integer from 1 to 3; and
 - y is 2.
20. (original) Compounds according to claim 19, wherein:
 - R⁶ is hydrogen or methyl; and
 - z is an integer from 2-3.
21. (original) Compounds of formula (9),



wherein:

R^{4a} is halo or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl;

R^{4b} , R^{4c} , and R^{4d} are independently chosen from C_1 - C_{10} alkyl and R^6 -O-; and
 R^6 is hydrogen or methyl.

22. (original) Compounds according to claim 21, wherein:

R^{4a} is halo;

R^{4b} and R^{4c} are each R^6 -O-; and

R^{4d} is C_1 - C_{10} alkyl.

23. (original) Compounds according to claim 22, wherein:

R^{4a} is fluorine or chlorine;

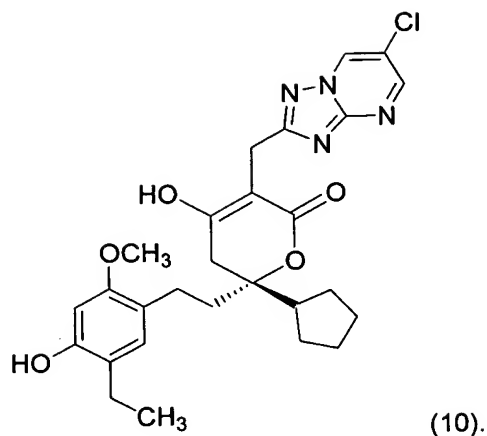
R^{4b} is $-OCH_3$;

R^{4c} is $-OH$; and

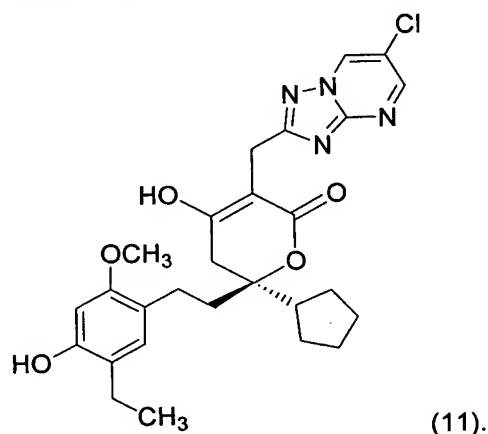
R^{4d} is $-CH_2CH_3$.

24. (original) Compounds according to claim 23, wherein R^{4a} is chlorine.

25. (original) A compound of formula (10),



26. (original) A compound of formula (11),



27. (currently amended) A compound chosen from:
6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(3-fluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-[2-(3-tert-Butyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-6-cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(3-ethyl-4-hydroxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-[2-(3-tert-Butyl-4-hydroxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-6-cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-[2-(3-Chloro-4-isopropoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-6-cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-Cyclopentyl-6-[2-(3,5-dichloro-4-ethoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;

6-cyclopentyl-3-[(5,7-dimethyl [1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-yl)methyl]-6-[2-(3-isopropylphenyl)ethyl]dihydro-2H-pyran-2,4(3H)-dione;
7-({6-[2-(5-Chloro-2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-6-cyclopentyl-4-hydroxy-2-oxo-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-3-yl)methyl)-3-methyl-5H-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-5-one;
2-(4-{2-[2-Cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-yl)methyl]-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-2-fluoro-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
1-(4-{2-[2-Cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-yl)methyl]-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-2-fluoro-phenyl)-cyclopropanecarbonitrile;
6-[2-(5-chloro-2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-6-cyclopentyl-4-hydroxy-3-(imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-2-yl)methyl)-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one;
6 N-[4-(2-{2-cyclopentyl-5-[(5,7-dimethyl[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-yl)methyl]-4,6-dioxotetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl}ethyl)-2-ethylphenyl]-N-methylmethanesulfonamide;
2-[4-(2-{2-cyclopentyl-4-hydroxy-5-[(1-methyl-1H-indol-5-yl)methyl]-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-yl}ethyl)-2-fluorophenyl]-2-methylpropanenitrile;
6-[2-(3-Chloro-4-hydroxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-6-cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-yl)methyl)-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-yl)methyl)-6-[2-(3-ethyl-4-methoxyphenyl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
3-(5-Chloro-1-isopropyl-1-benzoimidazol-2-yl)sulfanyl)-6-cyclopentyl-6-[2-(3-fluoro-4-isopropoxyphenyl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
5-{6-Cyclopentyl-6-[2-(3-fluoro-4-isopropoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-2-oxo-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-3-yl)sulfanyl)-4-methyl-4H-[1,2,4]triazole-3-carboxylic acid methyl ester;
3-(5-Chloro-1-methyl-1H-benzoimidazol-2-yl)sulfanyl)-6-cyclopentyl-6-[2-[4-(3,5-dimethyl-isoxazol-4-yl)-phenyl]-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-[2-(3-chloro-4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]-6-cyclopentyl-3-[(5-(2-furyl)-4-methyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one;
6-[2-(3-chloro-4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]-6-cyclopentyl-4-hydroxy-3-[(5-pyridin-4-yl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio]-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one;
6-[2-(3-chloro-4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]-3-[(5-chloro-1-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio]-6-cyclopentyl-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one;
6-[2-(5-chloro-2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-3-[(5-chloro-1-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio]-6-cyclopentyl-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one;
6-[2-(3-chloro-4-isopropoxyphenyl)ethyl]-3-[(5-chloro-1-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio]-6-cyclopentyl-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one;
8-({6-[2-(5-chloro-2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-6-cyclopentyl-4-hydroxy-2-oxo-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-3-yl}thio)-1,7-dihydro-6H-purin-6-one;

6-[2-(5-chloro-2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-6-cyclopentyl-4-hydroxy-3-[[5-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]thio]-5,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-one;
ethyl 2-[(6-[2-(5-chloro-2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-6-cyclopentyl-4-hydroxy-2-oxo-5,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-3-yl)thio][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate;
6-cyclopentyl-3-[(5,7-dimethyl[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-yl)methyl]-6-[2-(3-fluoro-4-isopropoxyphenyl)ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-one;
6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(3-ethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(3-ethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
2-[4-(2-{5-[(4-chloro-1-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)methyl]-2-cyclopentyl-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl}ethyl)-2-fluorophenyl]-2-methylpropanenitrile;
2-[4-[2-(2-Cyclopentyl-4,6-dioxo-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl]-2-fluoro-phenyl]-2-methyl-propionitrile;
2-(4-{2-[2-Cyclopentyl-5-(6-methyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4,6-dioxo-tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-2-fluoro-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
(+)-2-(4-{2-[2-Cyclopentyl-5-(6-methyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4,6-dioxo-tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-2-fluoro-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
(-)-2-(4-{2-[2-Cyclopentyl-5-(6-methyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4,6-dioxo-tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-2-fluoro-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
2-(4-[2-[5-(6-Chloro-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-2-cyclopentyl-4,6-dioxo-tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl]-2-fluoro-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
2-(4-{2-[2-Cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4,6-dioxo-tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-2-fluoro-phenyl)-2-ethyl-butyronitrile;
1-(4-{2-[2-Cyclopentyl-5-(6-methyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4,6-dioxo-tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-2-fluoro-phenyl)-cyclopropanecarbonitrile;
1-(4-[2-[5-(6-Chloro-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-2-cyclopentyl-4,6-dioxo-tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl]-2-fluoro-phenyl)-cyclopropanecarbonitrile;
6-Cyclopentyl-6-[2-(3-ethyl-4-hydroxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-3-(6-methyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
3-(6-Chloro-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-cyclopentyl-6-[2-(3-ethyl-4-hydroxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-cyclopentyl-3-[(5,7-diethyl[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-yl)methyl]-4-hydroxy-6-[2-(4-hydroxy-3-propylphenyl)ethyl]-5,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-one;
6-cyclopentyl-3-[(5,7-diethyl[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-yl)methyl]-6-[2-(3-ethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-one;

N-{2-[4-(2-[2-cyclopentyl-5-[(5,7-dimethyl[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-yl)methyl]-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)ethyl]-2-ethylphenoxy]ethyl}acetamide;
2-(4-[2-[2-Cyclopentyl-5- 5,7-dimethyl- [1,2,4] triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl]-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl)-2,6-difluoro-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
2-(4-[2-[2-Cyclopentyl-4-hydroxy-5-(6-methyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl]-2,6-difluoro-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
2-(2-Chloro-4-[2-[2-cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl]-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
1-(2-Chloro-4-[2-[2-cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl]-phenyl)-cyclopropanecarbonitrile;
6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
(+)-2-(2-chloro-4-[2-[2-cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl]-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
(-)-2-(2-chloro-4-[2-[2-cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl]-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
~~(+)-2-(2-fluoro-4-[2-[2-cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl]-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;~~
(+)-2-(4-[2-[2-Cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl)-2-methylpropionitrile;
~~(-)-2-(2-fluoro-4-[2-[2-cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl]-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;~~
(-)-2-(4-[2-[2-Cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl)-2-methylpropionitrile;
(+)-3-[(6-chloro[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-yl)methyl]-6-cyclopentyl-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-one;
(-)-3-[(6-chloro[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-yl)methyl]-6-cyclopentyl-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-one;
6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
(-)-6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-[2-(3-Chloro-5-ethyl-4-methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-6-cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(5-ethyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;

6-[2-(3-Chloro-5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-6-cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(3-ethyl-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-phenyl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-Cyclopentyl-6-[2-(3-cyclopropyl-4-methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-7-yl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
(+)-6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-7-yl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
(-)-6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-7-yl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(5-ethyl-pyridin-3-yl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one; and
pharmaceutically acceptable salts, solvates and prodrugs of the foregoing compounds.

28. (currently amended) A compound chosen from:
2-[4-(2-{5-[(4-chloro-1-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)methyl]-2-cyclopentyl-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl}ethyl)-2-fluorophenyl]-2-methylpropanenitrile;
2-(4-{2-[2-Cyclopentyl-5-(6-methyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4,6-dioxo-tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-2-fluoro-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
(+)-2-(4-{2-[2-Cyclopentyl-5-(6-methyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4,6-dioxo-tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-2-fluoro-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
(-)-2-(4-{2-[2-Cyclopentyl-5-(6-methyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4,6-dioxo-tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-2-fluoro-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
2-(4-{2-[5-(6-Chloro-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-2-cyclopentyl-4,6-dioxo-tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-2-fluoro-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
3-(6-Chloro-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-cyclopentyl-6-[2-(3-ethyl-4-hydroxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
N-[2-[4-(2-{2-cyclopentyl-5-[(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-yl)methyl]-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl}ethyl)-2-ethylphenoxy]ethyl]acetamide;
2-(4-{2-[2-Cyclopentyl-5- 5,7-dimethyl- [1,2,4] triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl]-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl)-2,6-difluoro-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
(+)-2-(2-chloro-4-{2-[2-cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;

(-)-2-(2-chloro-4-{2-[2-cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
~~(+)-2-(2-fluoro-4-{2-[2-cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;~~
(+)-2-(4-{2-[2-Cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-2-fluorophenyl)-2-methylpropionitrile;
~~(-)-2-(2-fluoro-4-{2-[2-cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;~~
(-)-2-(4-{2-[2-Cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-2-fluorophenyl)-2-methylpropionitrile;
(+)-3-[(6-chloro[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-yl)methyl]-6-cyclopentyl-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one;
(-)-3-[(6-chloro[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-yl)methyl]-6-cyclopentyl-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one;
1-(2-Chloro-4-{2-[2-cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-phenyl)-cyclopropanecarbonitrile;
6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
(-)-6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-[2-(3-Chloro-5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-6-cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-[3-ethyl-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-phenyl]-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-7-yl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
(+)-6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-7-yl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
(-)-6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-7-yl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(5-ethyl-pyridin-3-yl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one; and
the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, solvates and prodrugs of the foregoing compounds.

29. (currently amended) A compound chosen from:

(+)-2-(2-fluoro-4-{2-[2-cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
(+)-2-(4-{2-[2-Cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-2-fluorophenyl)-2-methylpropionitrile;
(-)-2-(2-fluoro-4-{2-[2-cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
(-)-2-(4-{2-[2-Cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-2-fluorophenyl)-2-methylpropionitrile;
(+)-2-(2-chloro-4-{2-[2-cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
(-)-2-(2-chloro-4-{2-[2-cyclopentyl-5-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-yl]-ethyl}-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionitrile;
(+)-3-[(6-chloro[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-yl)methyl]-6-cyclopentyl-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one;
(-)-3-[(6-chloro[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-yl)methyl]-6-cyclopentyl-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one;
6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-7-yl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
(+)-6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-7-yl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
(-)-6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-7-yl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one;
6-Cyclopentyl-3-(5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-2-ylmethyl)-6-[2-(5-ethyl-pyridin-3-yl)-ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one; and
pharmaceutically acceptable salts, solvates and prodrugs of the foregoing compounds.

30. (currently amended) A method of treating Hepatitis C virus in a mammal, comprising administering to said mammal an amount of a compound according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 5 that is effective in treating HCV.

31. (currently amended) A method of inhibiting Hepatitis C virus polymerase, comprising contacting said polymerase with a polymerase-inhibiting amount of a compound according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 5.

32. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of Hepatitis C virus in a mammal, comprising an amount of a compound according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 5 that is effective in treating Hepatitis C virus, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.